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SUBJECT: FONMIN'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON US ROLE
IN CHILE

REFS: (A) THE HAGUE 4779

(B) THE HAGUE 5031

1. FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, JORIS VOS, HAS GIVEN DCM COPY OF MINISTER'S OCT 9 REPLIES TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS REPORTED IN REF A. DCM THANKED VOS FOR PROVIDING US PROMPTLY WITH COPY OF THE REPLIES AND, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SAID THAT MINISTER'S CARE IN FORMULATING NON-POLEMICAL REPLIES TO QUESTIONS WAS MUCH APPRECIATED.

2. VOS REPLIED THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON THIS SCORE, POINTING OUT THAT MUCH THOUGHTFUL EFFORT HAD GONE INTO RESPONSE. FINAL DRAFTING WAS MINISTER'S OWN. HE WAS AFRAID, HOWEVER, THAT LAST HAS NOT BEEN HEARD ON SUBJECT. VAN DER STOEL'S REPLIES WERE NOT LIKELY TO SATISFY CRITICS IN STATES GENERAL.

3. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL DUTCH NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED
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"PROTEST" STORIES DO NOT ELABORATE, AND ONLY REFER

TO CONCERN OVER US INABILITY TO DENY CIA ACTIVITIES
PRIOR TO ALLENDE OVERTHROW. PRESS STORIES TO DATE
HAVE ASSUMED THAT "PROTEST" TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON.

4. FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS (UNNECESSARY
WORDS OMITTED):

(A) THE GOVERNMENT HAS HEARD ABOUT THIS MATTER.

(B) PRESIDENT FORD, AS I ALREADY SAID IN MY
ANSWER TO MESSRS. COPPES AND WALTMANS (THE HAGUE 4813)
STATED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1974 (PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT REPEATED) AND THAT, "PRESIDENT FORD DENIES THEREFORE
ANY KIND OF ROLE OF THE CIA IN THE COUP IN CHILE IN SEPTEMBER
1973, BUT CONFIRMS THAT CERTAIN CIA-ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE
IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE YEARS BEFORE THE COUP."

(C) AND (D) THE GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED WITH
GREAT CONCERN THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS
NOT BEEN ABLE TO DENY THAT CIA ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE
IN YEARS PRECEDING THE COUP. IT IS, HOWEVER, NOT YET
CLEAR WHAT THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF THESE ACTIVITIES
WERE. THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT IS BASED ON
CONVICTION THAT ALL PEOPLE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO
DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE IN FREEDOM, WITHOUT INTERFERENCE
FROM WITHOUT, FROM WHOEVER THAT MAY BE. THE
GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OF
THIS POINT OF VIEW THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

(E) IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS
AND PRESS ARE TRYING TO BRING TO LIGHT ALL FACTS OF
THE CIA ACTIVITIES, IT SEEMS PREMATURE TO THE GOVERN-
MENT TO URGE PUBLICITY OF THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION
INTO THESE ACTIVITIES.

(F) THE FACT THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS
POSTPONED AID TO CHILE, WHICH AGAIN HAS BEEN BROUGHT
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, MAKES
THE NETHERLANDS' ATTITUDE IN THIS MATTER SUFFICIENTLY
CLEAR.

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(G) IN THE PAST THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE CLEAR
IN THE UNITED NATIONS AS WELL AS IN OTHER INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANS ITS CONCERN WITH RESPECT TO THE
VIOLATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. IN
MY SPEECH AT THE UNGA, I AGAIN EXPRESSED THE SERIOUS
CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THAT
COUNTRY. WHERE THE GON HAS CONSIDERED IT USEFUL FOR

ATTAINING CONTEMPLATED OBJECTIVES, IT HAS PARTICIPATED
IN INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS BASED ON HUMANITARIAN
CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WERE MEANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN CHILE. IT WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS POLICY.
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